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C. MALMGREN-BRUNGART TELECON, SEPTEMBER 24

SUMMARY: LONG'S PROPOSAL FOR GATT MANAGEMENT GROUP
IS MAKING PROGRESS, WITH QUESTION OF COMPOSITION APPEARING
AS ONLY MAJOR PROBLEM. END SUMMARY.

1. INFORMAL GROUP OF SEVEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, SEVEN LDCS
PLUS ONE EE SPENT SEVERAL HOURS SEPTEMBER 23 DISCUSSING
DETAILS OF PROPOSED DECISION ESTABLISHING MANAGEMENT GROUP
(REFTEL B). NO MAJOR PROBLEMS EMERGED, AND EXERCISE WAS
MAINLY ONE OF NIT-PICKING. THERE SEEMS TO BE CONSENSUS THAT
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GROUP WOULD BE SET UP ON TEMPORARY BASIS (BUT WITHOUT TERMINAL

DATE) THAT THERE WOULD BE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ALL ASPECTS (INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP) AFTER A YEAR THAT THERE WOULD NORMALLY BE THREE MEETINGS PER YEAR, THAT TERMS OF REFERENCE WOULD INCLUDE MENTION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT WITHOUT ACCORDING THIS ASPECT A DOMINANT PRIORITY, THAT GROUP WOULD BE ADVISORY, NOT DECISION-MAKING, AND THAT WHILE MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE LIMITED, ANY CP WOULD HAVE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE WHEN MATTERS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO IT UNDER CONSIDERATION. U.S., IN ADDITION TO MAKING DETAILED DRAFTING COMMENTS, NOTED WE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED PARTICULAR COMMENTS FROM WASHINGTON BUT WE CONSIDERED DRAFT DECISION GENERALLY IN LINE U.S. VIEWS. SECRETARIAT WILL NOW REDRAFT IN LIGHT DISCUSSION. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF MEMBERSHIP AT SEVEN PLUS SEVEN PLUS ONE MEETING.

2. LONG HELD MEETING OF U.S (BRUNGART), JAPAN (MIZOGUCHI), AND EC (LUYTEN, COLMANT, JAGSTADT) MORNING SEPTEMBER 24 TO DISCUSS MEMBERSHIP. LUYTEN REPORTED EC WOULD WANT ONE MEMBERSHIP, WOULD SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR ALL EC MEMBERS TO BE PRESENT AT THE TABLE WITH PLACECARDS. (KUHN, GERMANY, WHO HAD EARLIER TOLD US OF 113 COMMITTEE DECISION ON THIS, DESCRIBED IT AS GUNDELACH-GERMAN COMPROMISE AND BEST THAT COULD BE ACHIEVED. URGED US NOT TO OPPOSE IT.) U.S. STRESSED IMPORTANCE KEEPING GROUP SMALL IF IT TO BE EFFECTIVE AND WITHOUT CRITICIZING EC POSITION, EXPRESSED FEAR THAT IT COULD COMPLICATE TASK OF RESTRAINING OTHER POSSIBLE CANDIDACIES. LUYTEN DEFENDED EC POSITION IN TERMS PERCENTAGE WORLD TRADE, ETC., BUT RECOGNIZED IT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR EC TO URGE OTHERS NOT TO PRESS FOR MEMBERSHIP. JAPANESE SILENT ON ISSUE.

3. PARTICIPANTS AGREED GROUP OF 15 WOULD BE IDEAL WITH MEMBERSHIP APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS: U.S., EC, JAPAN, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, NORDIC, AUSTRIA/SWITZERLAND, EAST EUROPEAN, TWO ASIAN LDCS, TWO AFRICAN LDCS, TWO LATIN AMERICAN LDCS, ONE FROM MISCELLANEOUS GROUPING INCLUDING GREECE, SPAIN, TURKEY, ISRAEL, CYPRUS, YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, RECOGNITION THAT SOME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FLEXIBILITY WOULD BE NECESSARY TO GET AGREEMENT WITH PERHAPS TWO OR THREE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS NECESSARY. LONG ALSO STRESSED UTILITY OF QUOTE ALTERNATE UNQUOTE DEVICE. LONG CONSIDERED MAJOR PROBLEMS WERE (1) AUSTRALIA, WHICH WANTS FULL MEMBERSHIP ALL TO ITSELF; (2) INDIA, WHICH WANTS SAME; (3) EAST EUROPEANS, WHICH WANT TWO MEMBERSHIPS; (BOTH U.S. AND EC STATED THIS WOULD BE EXCESSIVE.); (4) COMPOSITION AND REPRESENTATION OF MEDITERRANEAN

GROUP AND (5) PERU (HE DID NOT ELUCIDATE). JAPANESE WERE CONCERNED THAT LDCS NOT HAVE MAJORITY ON GROUP; U.S. AND EC LESS CONCERNED SINCE THERE WOULD NOT BE VOTING AND SINCE DCS WOULD HAVE PREDOMINATE NUMBER AT TABLE IN VIEW EC'S PROPOSAL FOR ITS REPRESENTATION.

4. IT WAS LEFT THAT LONG WILL BE CONTACTING OTHER CPS IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO TRY TO GET CONSENSUS ON SMALL GROUP. EC POSITIONIS IT WILLING GO ALONG WITH PROPOSAL, BUT NOT WILLING CAMPAIGN FOR IT. U.S. SAID WOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS STRESS NEED KEEP GROUP SMALL IF IT TO BE OF ANY USE. LONG DESIRES PUT MATTER TO COUNCIL OCTOBER 22 WITH DECISION TO BE RATIFIED BY CPS IN NOVEMBER. LONG HOPES FOR CONSENSUS AT COUNCIL, I.E. A BROAD MAJORITY BUT WHICH WOULD NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF ONE OR TWO OBJECTORS. HE WOULD LIKE FIRST MEETING TOWARDS END OF JANUARY. COLMANT RAISED QUESTION OF CHAIRMANSHIP, BUT NO COMMENTS FORTHCOMING. LONG SUGGESTED CONSIDERATION THAT QUESTION COULD BE DEFERRED.

5. WASHINGTON OFFICIALS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WISH DISCUSS MATTER WITH LONG AND PATTERSON DURING THEIR VISIT WASHINGTON END OF THIS WEEK, EARLY NEXT WEEK. ALSO, ANOTHER MEETING OF SEVEN PLUS SEVEN PLUS ONE WILL BE HELD HERE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 26. DALE

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